



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Mental Health Committee Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2022**

Team Members Present:

Dan Thompson (Co-Chair)	Elizabeth Aldred (Co-Chair)	Angie Wollenhaupt
Chris Bailey	Maura McMahan	Mandie Reedy
Jon Martin		

Team Members Absent:

Hon. Maria Lazar	Mary Madden	Vicki Seibel-Garvey
Danielle Birdeau	Michelle Larsuel	

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Jennifer Wrucke (proxy for Birdeau)
Kirk Yauchler	Alex Klosterman	Julie Valadez

Co-Chair Aldred called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from February 14, 2022

Motion: Thompson moved, second by Bailey, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of February 14, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Follow-Up on Initial Appearances for Chapter 51 Clients with Pending Criminal Charges who are at the Mental Health Center (MHC)

Luczaj reported that a small group met last week to review a process that was put in place two years ago to allow Chapter 51 patients at the MHC with lower-level criminal charges to attend court virtually; however, due to staffing changes and COVID, the process was not occurring consistently. Jeff Lewis, MHC Administrator, shared a refined process that will allow the inpatient Social Worker to initiate contact with the police department that has the hold to determine if the hold can be lifted. If so, the patient's discharge will proceed as usual. If the police department is not willing to lift the hold, the Social Worker will contact the District Attorney's (DA's) Office to inform them that the patient has an upcoming court date. The DA's Office can then review the charges and determine if it is appropriate to conduct the hearing via video conferencing, or if it must be done in person. If video conferencing is permitted, Lewis' staff will coordinate it at the MHC.

McMahon arrived at 12:09 p.m.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Implementation

Due to the pandemic, Luczaj reported that Waukesha County is underspent with the grant and is already operating in a 1-year extension. On a case-by-case basis, grants have been extended for an additional year upon request. The federal grant manager instructed Luczaj to submit a grant extension request between April and May for consideration of another year of funding. If the extension is approved, the grant would expire September 30, 2023.

Wrucke distributed and reviewed a document titled "Waukesha County DHHS Crisis Intervention." Wrucke also mentioned that she will be meeting with the Criminal/Traffic Judges at the end of April to give them an overview of a new process where the Clerk of Court's Office will notify the crisis team of those defendants who are waiting for a competency hearing each week. This will address a gap in services for individuals with

suspected mental illness who have pending criminal cases and enable the crisis workers to proactively meet with these individuals in the jail.

Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Requests Related to Mental Health Services

Yauchler stated that there are two ARPA requests that are related to mental health services that have been submitted to the Department of Administration (DOA) for review. If approved, the ordinances will go to the County Board for a vote in late spring or summer.

The first request has multiple parts, including:

1. Partial funding for the rest of this year through 2026 to expand the embedded crisis worker pilot project within the Sheriff's Department. The intent would be to add a second clinician to the Sheriff's Department, as well as embed two clinicians at the Waukesha Police Department. Crisis calls have increased 54% from 2017 through 2021, with the majority from these two departments.
2. Utilizing telehealth services to expedite response time for the crisis clinicians if they are unable to reasonably get to the location in a timely fashion.
3. Embed a crisis worker at the Waukesha County Communications Center to assist with bridging the response time gap.
4. Funding the continuation of community-based crisis services. If the JMHCP grant extension is approved, ARPA funds would not be utilized for this.

The second request is for sustainability of the MHC. The funds would be used to renovate the inpatient unit – creating a 16-bed acute inpatient unit in 1 wing, and a 12-bed crisis stabilization unit in the other wing. The Crisis Services and Court Monitoring units would then be moved from the Human Services Center to the Mental Health Center. The Community Support Program (CSP) and Treatment Support Services Unit (TSSU) would also receive some renovations/updates.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) / Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training Update

Luczaj, in Madden's absence, reported that a CIT training, funded by the HHS Youth Crisis Grant, was held at the Waukesha Communications Center the week of March 21. 26 officers were in attendance; the highest representation was from both City of Brookfield and City of Waukesha, with 6 officers from each jurisdiction. A September CIT training is being planned, dates to be determined, and will be funded by the ProHealth Care Foundation. NAMI SE Wisconsin has applied for funding for a 2- or 3-day CIT refresher course for those who attended CIT training more than 5 years ago. In addition, NAMI SE Wisconsin has applied for funding from NAMI Wisconsin for a 2-day CIP training for jail staff in the fall. NAMI Wisconsin has received additional money through the CIT expansion grant and has made a pool of that money available to reimburse departments for overtime, backfill, and travel expenses related to attendance at CIT.

The next Waukesha CIT Community Collaborative meeting will be held via Zoom on May 2, 1-2 p.m. If anyone is interested in receiving notices for these meetings, please contact Madden.

Announcements

Thompson stated that the next Assistant Chief for the Waukesha Police Department will be Captain Oremus, as the current Assistant Chief is retiring. Thompson will introduce him to the group at the next meeting.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- JMHCP grant update
- CIT update
- Granite Hills Hospital update

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Thompson moved, second by Reedy, to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.